ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus are disclosed for taking an electronic

application programs such as, for example, PowerPoint, Outlook, Windows,

and Word of Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Washington, and printing

them on a piece of paper having a preprinted pattern thereon, thereby

creating a hardcopy representation. The hardcopy representation of the

application includes identification information (e.g., a unique ID). The

identification information associates the application printed on the page

with the preprinted pattern on the paper. Using a special pen, edits may be

made to the hardcopy representation. The pen records these edits and sends

the updates to a computer system automatically. In response to the

receiving the edits, the computer system updates the electronic application

automatically.